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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q66676

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Examiner: Tuan N. NGUYEN

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH A CURRENT NON-INJECTION REGION  
NEAR A RESONATOR END FACE, AND FABRICATION METHOD THEREOF

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 12-18 have been examined in the present Office Action, of which claims 10 and 11 were previously withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and claims 5-9 and 12-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).